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EVENT: Sentenced

Defendant: Craig A. Munro

FLAGSTAFF ARIZONA MAN SENTENCED FOR MAIL FRAUD

Acting United States Attorney Terrence Berg announced that Craig A. Munro, age 50, and a resident of Flagstaff, Arizona, but formerly of Azteca, North Carolina, was sentenced to 12 months and 1 day of imprisonment for mail fraud by the Honorable Avern Cohn. The Court also imposed restitution in the amount of \$222,499.57 to be paid to the Wayne County Employees Retirement System (WCERS). Munro was sentenced after pleading guilty July 9, 2008.

The charges involved Mr. Munro's continued receipt and conversion of his mother's survivor retirement benefits after her death in 1996 to in or about 2006. Periodically, defendant provided change of address forms and verifications to the WCERS as if his motherwerestillaliveinorderto continue receiving the benefits. When aware that his theft had been discovered, Mr. Munro fled his residence in North Carolina in an attempt to avoid answering for his fraud.

Acting United States Attorney Terrence Berg said that, "This case demonstrates the dedication of federal law enforcement to detect fraud and bring to justice a defendant who did not want to be found. I commend the Department of Labor's Office of Inspector General efforts in this case."

The case was investigated by Special Agent David Wendt of the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Inspector General.